

C H A P. XLVI.  
Bonds taken  
by Sheriffs  
and Sub-Sheriffs during  
their Office,  
shall be endorsed, for  
what Consideration,  
otherwise  
shall be void.

*the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That no Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff, within this Province, after the Publication of this Act, in their several and respective Counties wherein they dwell, shall take any Bond, Bill, or any other Writing obligatory, of any Person or Persons, upon any Pretence whatsoever, without endorsing the Account on the Back of the said Bond, Bill, or Writing obligatory, for which the same was passed: And if any Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff within this Province, shall, during the Time that he remains in his Place or Office, upon any Pretence whatsoever, take any Bill, Bond or Writing obligatory, without endorsing the Account on the Back-side of the said Bond, Bill, or Writing obligatory, as aforesaid, by which it may appear upon what Consideration the same was taken, the said Bond, Bill, or Writing obligatory shall be void, and of no effect; and the Officer or Officers that took the same, shall lose his Debt, and for ever be debarred of suing any other Action for the Recovery of the same; any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Salvo with  
respect to the  
Act of Limitation.

XIV. And that whereas the said Officers are prohibited from taking Bills, upon any Pretence whatsoever, otherwise than as is directed by this Act, during the Time they remain in Office; to the Intent the said Officers may receive no Damage by the Act of Assembly for Limitation of Actions, **Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,** That the Time the said Officers remain in Office shall not be reckoned or accounted in the Act of Limitation.

The Sheriff  
shall charge  
only single  
Imprisonment  
Fees, tho' the Party  
be in Prison  
at the Suit of  
several Persons.

XV. And that whereas it hath been the Practice of several Sheriffs of this Province, where a Person hath been in Prison at the Suit of two or three several Persons, or hath lain for the Satisfaction of two or more several Judgments, for the Sheriff to charge Imprisonment Fees for each Action or Judgment: For Prevention whereof for the future, **Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,** That it shall not be lawful for any Sheriff within this Province, to take any more Fees for keeping any Prisoner, though he be in Prison at the Suit of two or three several Persons, or for several Judgments, than if he was in Prison only at one Suit, or for one Cause, under the Pains and Penalties mentioned in the \* Act for Limitation of Officers Fees, against the Offenders thereof.

\* 1704, ch. 86; which expired 1719.

Repeal of  
former Acts,  
viz.

1704, ch. 57.

1713, ch. 1.

XVI. And be it further Enacted, That a certain Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act restraining the Extortions of Sheriffs, Sub-Sheriffs, and Deputy Commissaries*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Twenty-sixth Day of April, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Four; and one other Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act of Directions for the Sheriff's Office in this Province, and for the more easy Payment of the Public and County Levy*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Twenty-second Day of October, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Thirteen, be and are hereby repealed and made void.

*Examined and Compared with the Original Act,* REVERDY GHISELIN,  
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XLVII.

Passed 3d  
June 1715.

An ACT for quieting Possessions, enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers. *Lib. LL. N<sup>o</sup> 4. fol. 269.*

Supplementary Act 1752, ch. 8.

The Act of  
1671, ch. 6,  
approved.

**F**ORASMUCH as a good and beneficial Law, entitled, *An Act for quieting of Possessions*, was made the Twenty-seventh Day of March, Anno Domini One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-one, in this Province, which by the Use thereof hath been found very much conducing to the Benefit of the said Province; **Be it therefore Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty,**